



# Clay County Board Minutes



## COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, May 17, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met May 17, 2016, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on May 11, 2016. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Nuss presided with roll call showing the following present: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Minutes of the meeting held April 26, 2016 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Todd Nuss stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

There was no Public Input.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 26, 2016 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss; abstain: Fintel. Motion carried.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on work on a bridge by Deweese, culvert and driveway work. They have begun hauling gravel and will finish taking down the weight limit signs today. Tom talked to the board about increasing wages and re-instating the spousal coverage for health insurance. He told the board that he should have enough money left over in his budget to cover the increase without needing to increase the budget in the future. The board will consider the information he presented and discuss this again.

Mike Carroll, Custodian discussed air handlers that need to be replaced. Two units in the courtroom need replaced and others are in need of cleaning and/or repairs. The units were installed in the mid 60's. The board asked Mike to check on the price to replace a unit.

Dave Meyer and Craig Johnson spoke to the board about a non-traditional format of health insurance. The requirements are 1. At least 50 employees 2. Can't be excessively sick 3. Formal commitment to worksite wellness. This wellness program focuses on preventing chronic disease through clinical risk management. This is accomplished by 1. Identifying the high risk through biometric screenings once a year. 2. Providing help for those at high risk through education and lifestyle management and 3. Providing a supportive environment through incentive (or disincentive programs).

Loren Uden, Emergency Management Coordinator informed the board that the 9-1-1 committee had met and recommended three names for reappointment to the 9-1-1 committee. These terms had expired in December of 2015.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Anderson to appoint Barb Barnett, Mark Bailey, Jim Fitzgerald and Glen Becker to the 9-1-1 Committee for a term that will expire on



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December 31, 2017. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss; Johnson had stepped out. Motion carried.

Loren presented an Interlocal Agreement. The agreement concerns forming an Interoperable radio system among public safety agencies. The previous agreement had expired July 1, 2015. The Central Nebraska Regions for Interoperability group's purpose is to establish, maintain and operate a public safety Interoperable Radio System within the jurisdictions of the participating agencies. This agreement allows the parties to share frequencies for another 5 years.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Fintel to authorize the chairman to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Buffalo, Chase, Clay Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Kearney, Lincoln, Nuckolls, Phelps, Perkins, Red Willow, Webster and the Cities and Villages within said counties for an Interoperable radio system. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson and Nuss; Johnson had stepped out. Motion carried.

A GIS Workshop Master Services Agreement and a GIS Workshop Maintenance and Support Services Agreement were presented.

Motion by Fintel and seconded by Samuelson to authorize the chairman to sign the Master Services Agreement between GIS Workshop LLC and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Nuss. Motion carried.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Maintenance and Support Services Agreement between GIS Workshop and Clay County for 911 GIS Maintenance, MSAG maintenance and addressing services. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Nuss. Motion carried.

The chairman asked Loren to inform the board about the weather camera he is requesting. The camera would be put on the tower. Loren and/or the dispatchers would be able to access information from it for up to 30 miles away. He believes this would be helpful when storms pop up suddenly. The cost would be between \$2500.00 and \$3500.00.

The board told Loren that the Weed Superintendent would be using the Gator for pasture work but it would be available if Loren needed it. Loren said he didn't have an issue with Bruce using it; he had an issue about not knowing about it until a week after the decision had been made. The chairman apologized for the lack of communication.

Call time was discussed. Loren said he is typically on call 24 hours 7 days a week and must respond and/or be in the county within 30 minutes. He said Federal law addresses two types of on call. The first concerns nurses who must be available within 30 minutes and the other type is restricted. The restricted type receives a per diem amount because they can't ever leave the area. He feels he falls under the restricted category. The board asked who fills in when he is gone. Usually 1 of the 3 deputies will be in charge. Every city and village has their own EM so the concern is when something happens in the county. When asked, Loren also said that the local EM's



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work off/through the Fire Departments and those departments take care of their districts. Loren said it goes back to what the Board sees as important and not important for him to cover. He said when he was receiving a salary this wasn't an issue; he could watch a storm for 4 hours from home because he wasn't on the clock. The board will talk to the County Attorney for direction.

The chairman reported that Loren was using a different type of mileage sheet and it was working better.

Loren told the board that he is still waiting on the gas company to install the gas line to the new communications building. He also reported that the new 9-1-1 system training will be in June with final installation in July. \$60,000.00 for this will come out of the E 9-1-1 funds and \$20,000.00 out of the 9-1-1 budget.

The chairman will get the performance evaluation to the County Clerk so the Board can approve it at the next meeting.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of April 2016: County Clerk, \$17,420.24, County Court \$12,840.59, Clerk of District Court, \$7,915.74, County Sheriff, \$2,038.25 and County Treasurer receipts #16040001 through #16040052 in the amount of \$1,386,383.48. On roll call, yea: Fintel, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

Supervisor Schmidt reported that he had talked to the Lodging Committee Vice Chair/Secretary, Pam Maynard. Pam may be submitting a name for the vacancy on that committee.

The budget request for Probation District #1 came in the form of a letter from Sarah J. Rinne, Chief Probation Officer. The request is derived from the most recent census figures in 2010. The district provides probation services to approximately 1,600 individuals annually and completes roughly 550 Presentence Investigations for the Courts. Officers provide 24 hour on-call juvenile intake services for purposes of investigation and detention placement via a toll free number for law enforcement agencies within the District to contact. In August 2015, LB605 took effect adding Post Release Supervision as a new area of supervision for Probation pertaining to adult services. The counties in the District are only responsible for the cost of adequate office space, office equipment, supplies and miscellaneous operating expenses. The state pays salaries, benefits and mileage. The annual budget increased \$20,000.00, with \$16,000.00 applied towards the facility lease, and \$4,000.00 to support operational costs. Clay County's share will increase \$1,456.00 for a total amount of \$4,732.00.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Samuelson to accept the budget request of Probation District #1 in the amount of \$4,732.00 for fiscal year 2016-2017. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel and Nuss. Motion carried.

The County Clerk reported that for the most part the election process went smoothly. Clay County had a 29.22 % turnout compared to the overall state turnout of 26.5%.



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Some precincts voting booths need to be replaced. The standard booths will be replaced with the plastic privacy booths that sit on tables in the Clay Center City and LLLM Cons. Precincts as well as in the Spring Ranch/Fairfield 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct. This change should help in the polling places where it is hard to find people willing to set up the booths.

The State Dept. of Roads is closing its maintenance building in Sutton. Some of the Board members are concerned about how this will affect the clearing of State roads in Clay County. Supervisor Anderson has called NACO and talked to Larry Dix about this. He suggested other Board members should also make some calls.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Fintel to adjourn this meeting at **12:30 P.M.**; next meeting scheduled for May 24, 2016. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Shaw, Fintel, Samuelson and Nuss. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Todd Nuss, Chairman